

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 1, please amend the title as follows:

Apparatus for ~~Aerating Water~~ Introducing Gas Into A Liquid

On page 1, immediately after the title, please insert the following heading:

--Background of the Invention--.

On page 3, before line 1, please insert the following heading:

--Summary of the Invention--

On page 7, between lines 2 and 3, please insert the following heading:

--Brief Description of the Drawings--

On page 7, between lines 11 and 12, please insert the following heading:

--Description of Preferred Embodiments--.

On page 12, after line 10, please insert the following two new paragraphs:

--The specification incorporates by reference the disclosure of German priority document 103 05 203.8 filed February 7, 2003.

The present invention is, of course, in no way restricted to the specific disclosure of the specification and drawings, but also encompasses any modifications within the scope of the appended claims.—

In addition, please add the following "Abstract of the Disclosure to the specification:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for introducing gas into a liquid is provided. An elastic tube is disposed on a rigid profiled support member, which is provided with at least one recessed area. The elastic tube is provided with elastically expandable slits, and compressed air or gas is adapted to escape into the liquid, in the form of bubbles, through the slits when they are expanded.